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1. AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING INTERESTED FOREIGN/DEFENSE MINISTERS, SEC GEN, AND PERMREPS AN INFORMAL DEFENSE ORIENTATION TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING THE NAC MEETING IN OTTAWA. THE TOUR WE ENVISAGE IS ONE THAT WOULD LAST A MAXIMUM OF TWO DAYS AND, BASED UPON THE INTERESTS OF THE MINISTERS, COULD INCLUDE VISITS TO OMAHA (SAC), COLORADO SPRINGS (NORAD), NORFOLK (SACLANT), AND FT. BRAGG (82ND AIRBORNE). AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOUR MINISTERS WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO NEW YORK TO MAKE AIRLINE CONNECTIONS FOR THEIR RETURN TO EUROPE.

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2. IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH

THE OTTAWA SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS; YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT WITH THE CANADIAN DELEGATION. THE U.S. SPONSORED TOUR WOULD COVER TWO DAYS BEGINNING SATURDAY, JUNE 22 FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE SPRING MEETING. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS INFORMAL TOUR WOULD OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NATO MINISTERS TO INSPECT SOME OF THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF THE WESTERN ATLANTIC MEMBERS OF NATO.

3. TO ASSIST US IN FINAL DECISION ON OFFER TO MINISTERS,

REQUEST YOU POLL DELEGATIONS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS TO SEE HOW MANY WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND INTERESTED IN MAKING SUCH A TOUR FOLLOWING THE NAC.

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